

Announcements

MILITARY: Please pray for our loved ones in the military.

2016 HARVEST OF LOVE: Throughout November and December the Salvation Army and the Newton Ministerial Alliance are inviting area churches, community organizations and residents of Harvey County to join in their annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. During these two months, we invite you to bring nonperishable food items to the church when you come for worship and other church activities. The food will be taken to the Salvation Army food pantry in Newton, where it will be distributed to area residents who are feeling the strain of these difficult economic times. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to Salem United Methodist with "Harvest of Love" in the memo line and place it in the Sunday morning offering. These funds will be distributed through the Salvation Army office, and will go towards perishable food items as well as housing, utilities and medical assistance for Harvey County residents. In addition to food items for Harvest of Love, if you travel and pick up complimentary hygiene items, they may also be donated during this time. These items will be sent to the Open Door Ministry in Wichita. There will be collection containers for food and hygiene items in the west foyer.

Dec. 11 Dry stuff - pasta, beans, rice
Dec. 18 Baking stuff - flour, sugar, etc.
Dec. 25 Canned meat - tuna, beef stew, chicken, chili
Jan. 1 Everything you forgot the past weeks

FAMILY FUSION: Please join us Wednesday, Dec. 7 for Family Fusion in the FLC. Meal at 5:45: Shepard's pie, apple salad, biscuits, frozen fruit dessert followed by classes for all ages and choir at 6:30. If you would like to donate items for the meal, check the sheet by the FLC entrance or with the church office.

ADVENT STUDY: Pastor is teaching an Advent Study, "Sent", at 9:30 am as well as part of Family Fusion at 6:30 pm. This study will run on Wednesdays through December 28.

FUND RAISER: Need a little extra spending money for Christmas? Take a chance in the 50/50 raffle being held by the Chisholm Middle School DC Trip 8th graders. Previous year's winner won approx. \$400! Buy 1 ticket for \$4 or 3 tickets for \$10. See one of them at the table in the west entryway Dec. 4 & 11, before & after church. Drawing will be held on Dec. 14.

VOLUNTEERS: Materials have arrived and we are ready to begin construction on the Audio/Visual Booth enlargement project. We are looking for volunteers (electricians and carpenters-anyone who can operate saws, drills, tools and sheet-rocking) to help with construction. Our plan is to tear down the existing setup after Church on a Sunday (date to be decided) and build the new one in afternoons/evenings and have it ready to go by the following Sunday. If you would like to help with the project, please contact Don Gruver or Aaron Teel.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 pm. Refreshments served following the program in the FLC. Practice will be Saturday, Dec. 17 at 9:30 am.

Living Nativity

Salem is having the Living Nativity from 6 – 8 pm on Friday and Saturday December 9 and 10. We are in need of volunteers in a number of areas. Please check below any area in which you wish to help and turn into church office or directly contact the church office, 283-3620 – sum@sum.kscoxmail.com, to volunteer. If you wish to donate cookies, please contact Karol Smith @ 285-2768. After worship services we will also be asking for donations for supplies. If you have questions please call the church office. We believe that participants and spectators alike found last year's Living Nativity to be a moving and rewarding experience – please get involved!!

setup_____	cleanup_____
car greeter_____	animals/pens_____
costumes_____	actors/actresses_____
music_____	tents/stable_____
brochure_____	signs/advertising_____
manger_____	flow/guidance_____
sound_____	canned good donation _____
refreshments _____	lights _____
cross/star_____	
door greeters/instruction (inside) _____	
fill in where needed _____	

SHOEBOX MINISTRY 2016: We will be gathering Christmas Shoeboxes for United Methodist Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Please consider donating any small gifts that will fit in shoeboxes. The age brackets are: infant, toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 and up, boy or girl. If you want to fill an entire shoebox, donate items or money, you may be drop them off in the church office. Suggested items include small toys, combs, brushes, nail polish, socks, decks of cards, etc. \$1.00 items go a long way as a gift to those who have lost everything or have very little. We can always use empty shoeboxes too. If you have any questions or need items picked up, you may call Joyce at 217-2501. We will finish packing and wrapping the boxes the weekend of Dec. 11, 2016. Thank you for your support in this mission outreach project.

LIVE NATIVITY: Salem UMC will have a Living Nativity on Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please bring a nonperishable food item for Harvest of Love. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

GIVING: If you want to donate to the Church, and have it be for tax year 2016, you need to make sure it is in the offering, or give it to Suanne Eshleman (Church Financial Secretary) by Dec. 29. If it is received after this date, it will be on next year's (2017) statement of contributions.

POINSETTIA: If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of please see the order form below. You may also get an order form from the Salem web site (salemumc-newton.org) or on Salem's Facebook page.

Poinsettias

I, _____ would like _____ Poinsettia(s) in honor of,

I, _____ would like _____ Poinsettia(s) in memory of,

The cost of the poinsettias is \$12.00 each. Deadline for ordering is Monday, December 5, 2016.

The Poinsettias may be taken with you after the service
Dec. 18, 24, or 25, 2016.

Total amount: \$ _____

STAFF APPRECIATION: Want to show your appreciation for our church staff? On Sundays, December 11 and 18 there will be bags in the west vestibule outside the sanctuary. Drop your monetary gift and/or card there. The Staff/Pastor-Parish Committee will be sure it gets to the staff. If you are unable to be at church those Sundays and wish to give a gift, please send it to Salem UMC, c/o SPPR, 115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114.

SURVEY: The Harvey County Community Health Assessment survey awaits your input! Take 8 minutes and tell us what you think makes a healthy community. Then share this link with friends! (Survey closes Dec. 18.)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCCHA>

TO OUR FRIENDS AT SALEM UMC: We know it has been many years since Lawrence Kurth was your pastor. Lawrence and Ethelda are celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary. If anyone remembers the Kurth's and would like to join us in a card shower the address is: The Reverend & Mrs. Kurth, 304 E Osage, Paola, KS, 66071.

VOLUNTEER FAMILY FUSION: We are in need of volunteer(s) to watch the children during the FF meal (5:45 pm) until they go to their classes at 6:30 pm. Ashli will not be able to supervise during this time.

UMW: UMW will meet Wed., Dec. 7, in the FLC classroom at 1:00. Ladies join us. Executive committee meets at 12:00.

This Week at Salem

Sunday: December 4th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 3:30 pm Pastor/Choir Asbury Pk.
 6:15 pm FLC/FLC class rooms 4-H

Monday: December 5th
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts-Basement
 6:15 pm FLC B-ball Practice

Tuesday: December 6th
 9:30 am Companions

Wednesday: December 7th
 9:30 am Advent Study "Sent"
 12:00 pm UMW Executive
 1:00 pm UMW
 4:00 pm Basement Reserved
 5:45 pm FLC FF Meal
 6:30 pm Classes, Youth, Choir

Thursday: December 8th
 1:00 pm Piece Keepers
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

Friday: December 9th
 6:00 pm Live Nativity

Saturday: December 10th
 6:00 pm Live Nativity
 6:00 pm FLC Angle Tree Dinner

Sunday: December 11th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am FLC Reserved

Monthly Need for General Budget
November
 \$23,817.00

Income in November to pay bills
 \$20,130.45

Year to Date Expenses
 \$238,274.57

Year to Date Income
 \$236,489.46

Memorial Book Open To
 Mrs. Ina May (Diehl) Turner
 O.D. Turner
 The Deceased Members of the Fellowship Class

	Last Week	Year Ago
Worship	143	77
Sunday School	65	35

Worship Leaders

Head Usher	<i>Bob Swickard</i>
Song Leader	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
Liturgist	<i>Teresa Soyey</i>
Acolyte	<i>Presleyann Saylor</i>
AV	<i>Don Gruver</i> <i>Lorna Preston</i> <i>Aaron Teel</i>
Nursery	<i>Jennifer Saylor</i>

To Our Guests: Restrooms are available in the east foyer on the main level by the office and on the west side of the building in the Family Life Center (gymnasium). The nursery is down the hall from the Sanctuary on the east side.

Pastor	<i>Ron Kite</i>
Children/Youth Director	<i>Ashli Teel</i>
Church Treasurer	<i>Staci Morales</i>
Church Secretary	<i>Cindy Harms</i>
Organist/Pianist	<i>Carol Kirchner</i>
Choir Director	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
Child Care	<i>Cindy Gruver</i>
Janitor	<i>Tony Martinez</i>